

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2009-411-G

In the Matter of:)	
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Request of Piedmont Natural Gas)	
Company, Inc. for Authorization)	PETITION
to Continue Operation of its Energy)	
Efficiency Programs)	
)	

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”), through counsel, hereby requests approval from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) for an extension of its three existing Energy Efficiency Programs (“EE Programs”). In support of this request, Piedmont respectfully shows unto the Commission the following:

1. It is respectfully requested that any notices or other communications with respect to this Petition be sent to:

Jasmine K. Gardner
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2. Piedmont is a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation and is engaged in the business of transporting, distributing and selling natural gas in the states of South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Piedmont is a public utility under the laws of this State, and its public utility operations in South Carolina are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

3. On May 27, 2010, the Commission issued an order (“May 27th Order”) in Docket No. 2009-411-G approving a settlement agreement (“Settlement”) between Piedmont and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and authorizing Piedmont to implement its EE Programs.

4. The May 27th Order also required Piedmont to file annual reports in this docket related to the cost, participation, and performance of the EE Programs, with the first such annual report due June 15, 2011.

5. Pursuant to the Settlement, the approval of the EE programs was for a limited period of time ending after an experimental period of three (3) years, at which time Piedmont and the ORS would submit any proposed modifications to the programs or program expenditures for review and approval of the Commission.

6. On January 16, 2013, Piedmont made a filing to request a three (3) year extension of the EE Programs which was approved by Commission Order dated March 1, 2013.

7. On August 23, 2018, Piedmont submitted a further petition to extend its EE Programs for an additional three (3) year period which was approved by Commission Order dated August 29, 2018.

8. Piedmont is now requesting that its EE Programs be extended for an additional three years to cover the period through March 31, 2022.

9. These programs have been successful in promoting the efficient utilization of energy by Piedmont’s customers and it is Piedmont’s belief that the continuation of these EE Programs are in the best interest of its customers.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission authorize Piedmont's implementation of its EE Programs for an additional three (3) year period ending March 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of April, 2019.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date electronically and via FedEx Overnight upon:

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This the 15th day of April, 2019.

s/ James H. Jeffries IV
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